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C O N F I D E N T I A L DHAHRAN 0638

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, CASC, SA
SUBJECT: FIRES REPORTED IN ARAMCO'S GHAWAR FIELD

1. POST HAS RECEIVED FRAGMENTARY REPORTS FROM ABQAIQ AREA
CONFIRMING ANOTHER FIRE NEAR THE ARAMCO PUMPING STATION
WHERE THE MAY 11 FIRE (SEE DHAHRAN 0549) HAD BROKEN OUT.
FIRE REPORTEDLY STARTED WHEN PICKUP DROVE INTO AREA AND
EXHAUST FUMES FROM VEHICLE IGNITED GASES IN AREA. IT HAS
ALSO BEEN REPORTED THAT PIPELINE NEAR
HEDGUM HAS RUPTURED,
PRESEABLY AS RESULT OF ABQAIQ FIRE, AND FIRE IS BURNING THERE
AS WELL. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS OF FATALITIES BUT THOSE
BEST INFORMED AT THIS TIME HAVE ADVISED US THAT THERE HAVE
BEEN NO DEATHS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE REPORTS OF SOME
20 INJURIES CAUSED BY THE FIRE, INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO
REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BURNED SERIOUSLY. POST HAS RECEIVED
NO RPT NO REPORTS THAT THERE ARE AMERICANS AMONG THOSE
INJURED.

2. ARMACO THUS FAR HAS ONLY CONFIRMED TO US THAT THERE
HAS BEEN A SERIOUS FIRE NEAR ABQAIQ AND HAS PROMISED TO
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PROVIDE CONGEN WITH SITREP AS SOON AS SAG HAS GIVEN OIL
COMPANY PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION ABOUT FIRE.
ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT AREAS WHERE FIRES HAVE BEEN
REPORTED ARE 40-60 MILES SOUTH OF DHAHRAN AND ACCURATE
REPORTS CONSEQUENTLY WILL BE SLOW IN REACHING US. MOST
ARAMCO EMPLOYEES IN THE AREAS OF THE FIRES WILL BE CONCERNED
WITH EXTINGUISHING THEM AND UNABLE TO PROVIDE US WITH

INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS OF THE SITUATION.

3. THUS FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED NO RPT NO SUGGESTION THAT
LATEST INCIDENTS WERE CAUSED BY ACTS SABOTAGE.
HOWEVER POST WILL BE CONSIDERING THAT FACTOR WHEN GATHERING
INFORMATION FOR SUBSEQUENT REPORTS ON THIS LATEST
DEVELOPMENT IN ARAMCO'S GHAWAR FIELD.
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